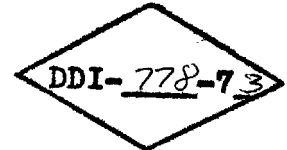


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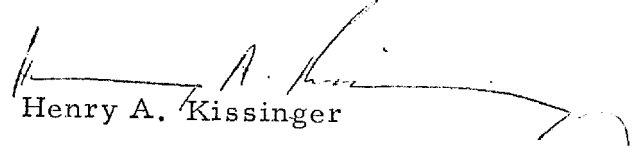
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SUBJECT: Law of the Sea Instructions, March-April
1973 Meeting of U.N. Seabed Committee

With reference to the NSDM 196 response (S/S 7303564), as concurred in by the Departments of State, Defense, Commerce, Interior and Transportation, there is no objection to the negotiating plan recommended therein for the March-April meeting of the U.N. Seabed Committee. National Security Decision Memoranda 196, 177, 157, 122 and 62 continue to govern the United States' position for the U.N. Law of the Sea Conference.

The Interagency Law of the Sea Task Force is requested to submit a report on the results of the March-April meeting together with recommended law of the sea instructions for the U.S. Delegation to the July-August 1973 meeting of the U.N. Seabed Committee. The report and recommended instructions should be submitted no later than May 25, 1973 for consideration by the NSC Senior Review Group.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Secretary of Transportation
The Director of Central Intelligence

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